

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1382 – HB 1520

April 21, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006416): Prohibits a health insurance carrier from requiring notification by a provider within less than one business day of an inpatient admission if the notification or admission occurs on a weekend or federal holiday.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Potential Impact on Health Insurance Premiums (required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-2-111): The proposed legislation will not impact any pre-authorization requirements that the plans may have. There should be no impact to insurance premiums.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Currently, a health insurance carrier is prohibited from requiring notification by a provider of an inpatient emergency admission within one business day.
- Extending the notification requirement prohibition to all inpatient hospital admissions occurring on a weekend or federal holiday will not impact the pre-authorization requirements of the TennCare program or the State, Local Education, and Local Government plans.
- Any local government that has not opted into the state employee health plan will not incur a fiscal impact.
- The Department of Commerce and Insurance will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to enforce the provisions of the legislation through the investigation of any complaints that are filed. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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